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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 702

By McMillan

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Helen Long for her selection as the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System Distinguished Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those persons who through their outstanding professional efforts, commitment to children and their education, and enormous personal sacrifice have distinguished themselves in the classroom and have made a profound impact for good in the lives of those children whom they have taught; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Helen Long, who is a sixth grade teacher at Kenwood Middle School in the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Long, a recent honoree of the Clarksville-Montgomery County Education Association, has been described as "...a torchbearer of inspiration and a trailblazer to knowledge."; and

WHEREAS, Helen Long's feeling about her work was summarized by her comment that "This is such an opportunity to represent the greatest profession in the world, but really teaching is not a profession - it is a way of life."; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Long was one of 70 teachers from five different countries who, last November, traveled to Russia; the trip, sponsored by the American Council for Education's Faculty Exchange Program, offered Ms. Long the opportunity to teach a course in classroom teaching methodology while in Russia; and

WHEREAS, the life and work of Helen Long, both within and outside of the classroom, epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; the gifts of having a love for learning and the inspiration received by those she has taught over the years will resound throughout the years of their lives and future generations; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Helen Long for her dedication to her calling as a teacher and to the state of Tennessee and its citizens, particularly its children; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Ms. Helen Long for her selection by the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System as Distinguished Teacher of the Year and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.